



Magical Halloween Adventures of Babette and Antone

Once upon a time, in a cozy cottage on a steep mountain, lived Babette and Antone with their woodcutter dad. They were not rich, but their home was full of love. Dad chopped wood all day, and Mom made pretty laces. But often, dinner was just bread and broth.

Babette and Antone didn't mind; they were cheerful kids. Antone, at ten, hadn't been to school yet, but he was smart and made amazing toys. He carved beautiful boats, a doll's cradle for Babette, and even made her turnip dolls with corn silk hair and cabbage leaf dresses!

One Halloween, Antone was busy making jack-o'-lanterns. Babette, who loved her turnip dolls, dreamt of joining the Halloween fun in the village. Antone, being the best big brother, promised her a special Halloween surprise, just for them.

The next day, after helping with the vegetables, Antone and Babette turned into little ghosts, wearing their white nightdresses over their coats. They sneaked out with a grinning jack-o'-lantern. But, oh no! A naughty rat had chewed up their candle!

Just then, something magical happened! The pumpkin started talking and rolled away, leading them on a wild chase through the forest. Babette was upset about losing the jack-o'-lantern, but Antone was determined to catch it.

The pumpkin, now a mischievous leader, called out to the carrots, turnips, and even beets in Antone's garden. They all sprang to life and joined the pumpkin, creating a funny, hopping parade of vegetables!

Antone and Babette followed them into a secret forest door, leading to an underground world where the ground was springy and fun. There, they caught a potato and almost made peace with the runaway veggies.

The pumpkin and his veggie friends were having a blast and didn't want to go back. They invited Antone and Babette to their Halloween frolic. Babette, thrilled, joined in right away.

The Halloween party was wild! There were dancing vegetables, playful witches on broomsticks, and even singing cabbages! The witches were friendly, giving Babette a peppermint for good luck.

As the night went on, the party grew wilder. Antone, who thought he was too big for such things, was soon swept into the dance by a playful witch. The vegetables danced and laughed, and the witches played games with their cats.

When morning came, the pumpkin gave Antone and Babette a magic bag of gold, promising they would never be poor again. The witch kindly flew them back home on her broomstick, leaving her black cat with them for good luck.

Their mom couldn't believe their story, but the gold and Babette's peppermint convinced her. Their dad was so happy; now Antone could go to school, and they could have nice things.

From then on, life was good for Babette and Antone. They had delicious food, new clothes, and Antone finally went to school. Every

Halloween, they joined their pumpkin friend and the witches for magical adventures, and the black cat brought them luck forever.